

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2007. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 21-22, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Aleck, U.S. Patent No. 3,592,360 (hereinafter "the Aleck patent"). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Aleck patent. Claims 7-20 were allowed, as indicated in the previous Office Action mailed on July 6, 2006. Claims 23-31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as also indicated in the 7/6/06 Office Action.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1, 21 and 39 have been amended to require that the adhesive layer have a first adhesive contact with the rigid portion and a second adhesive contact with the liner portion, and that the first adhesive contact and the second adhesive contact have differing adhesive bond strengths. This limitation, now incorporated into claims 1, 21 and 39, is included in independent claim 7 and original claim 23. (Claim 23 is canceled with this Amendment.) Claim 7 was allowed and claim 23 was objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Because amended claims 1, 21 and 39 include this limitation from claims 7 and 23, claims 1, 21 and 39 are allowable.

Claims 24 and 28, which originally depended from claim 23, have been amended to depend from claim 21.

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and are allowable therewith. Claims 22 and 24-31 depend from claim 21 and are allowable therewith.

With this Amendment, claims 32-38 are canceled without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

With this Amendment, claims 1-22, 24-31, and 39 are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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